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SUBJECT: CONTINUING CONCERN AT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROBLEM

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA TOLD ME THAT THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON OR BOTH NEXT WEEK WOULD BE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION THE EMBASSY WILL BE SENDING MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT BY FOLLOWING CABLE.

2. RABASA SAID IT WAS HUMILIATING TO HAVE TO RAISE THIS PROBLEM WITH THE SECRETARY AND WITH ME CONSTANTLY BECAUSE IT WAS UNQUESTIONABLY NOT A PROBLEM OF OUR CREATING ALTHOUGH HE REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT IN FACT MEXICAN ILLEGAL WORKERS PERFORMED MANY FUNCTIONS IN THE U.S. WHICH NO OTHER GROUP WOULD DO. FURTHERMORE HE SAID MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAS CERTAINLY NOT PRESSURING THESE PEOPLE TO LEAVE MEXICO BUT NEITHER DID GOVERNMENT POLICY PROHIBIT EMIGRATION.

3. THEREFORE CONCLUDED RABASA WE MUST ADDRESS THE PROBLEM AND SEEK A SOLUTION. HE ADMITTED HE DID NOT SEE ONE IN THE OFFING BUT STRESSED WE MUST CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE DIFFICULTY AND NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION WE HAD WASHED OUR HANDS OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE IN THAT STANCE PUBLICLY. RABASA THOUGHT A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT WOULD BE A MAJOR FIRST STEP FORWARD ALTHOUGH HE  
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ADMITTED IT WAS NO LONGER A COMPLETE ANSWER BECAUSE OF THE VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE INVOLVED.

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